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MARINE CORPS BASES JAPAN ORDER/FORCE ORDER 1050.5

From: Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan  
Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force  
To: Distribution List

Subj: LIBERTY BUDDY ORDER

Ref: (a) MCBJ/III MEF Policy Memo 1-98  
(b) MARCORBASESJAPANO 1050.3

1. Purpose. To establish a Liberty Buddy program for specified enlisted military personnel assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases, Japan.
2. Background. Duty in any foreign country requires the highest degree of responsibility, maturity and self-discipline. The conduct and behavior of Marines and Sailors, both on and off-duty, has a significant impact on the Marine Corps' ability to accomplish its day-to-day mission and the way the Marine Corps is perceived. Off-duty conduct of Marines and Sailors is as critical as their performance on duty. This Liberty Buddy program is a proactive measure to ensure mission success and force protection for the well-being of Marines and Sailors. Self-discipline and sound judgment are the watchwords.
3. Scope. This directive is punitive in nature. Violations of any of the provisions of this directive can provide a basis for disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or other adverse administrative action.
4. Applicability. This Order is applicable to Marines and Sailors in grades E1-E3, inclusive, assigned to, or on temporary additional duty with, III MEF/Marine Corps Bases, Japan.

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5. Action: Each Major Subordinate Command and Major Subordinate Element will develop a Liberty Buddy program immediately upon receipt of this order. At a minimum it will contain the following requirements:

a. Marines and Sailors in grades E1-E3 must have a liberty buddy for off-base liberty. The requirement for a liberty buddy applies after working hours, over weekends, and during special liberty hours.

b. Liberty buddies must check-out together, stay together and return together. Switching liberty buddies is prohibited. If for any reason buddies become separated, each must make an immediate attempt to reunite. If the buddy is not located, then each must immediately report the separation to their respective chain of command.

c. The Liberty Campaign Plan contained in reference (a), remains in effect and commands will continue to adhere to the provisions of reference (b) pertaining to personnel assigned to the Liberty Risk program.

6. Exceptions to this Order require prior approval by a Battalion/Squadron commander on a case-by-case basis. Blanket exceptions will not be granted. All exceptions must be consistent with the intent of this Order (ex., travel to and from school, church, MCCS tours, Okuma stay, etc.).



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